(e) All efforts are being taken including the enhancement of the institutional and the contracting capacity in these States to speed up the implementation of the programme. Central agencies have also been engaged for taking up road works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Bihar and Tripura.

Statement

Achievement under Bharat Nirman Connecting Habitations

State	2005-06		2006-07		2007-08 upto Sep'07	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
Assam	421	346	1988	804	2701	93
Bihar	896	0	2062	1183	3214	111
Jharkhand	526	101	1295	108	901	37
Orissa	493	361	874	322	1087	160

Rural Drinking Water Scheme

999. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural drinking water scheme has been launched; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Rural water supply is a State subject and as such State Government are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State governments through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) State Governments are, however, competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply schemes for the coverage of rural habitations from funds provided under ARWSP.

Implementation of NREGA

†1000. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise status of the progress of works in comparison to year-wise targets under 'National Rural Employment Guarantee Act';

(b) whether State Governments utilize the money allocated by the Central Government for this yojana, if not, the status of such State;

(c) the measures taken by the Central Government for utilizing the money allocated to State;

(d) whether monitoring committees set up in districts have been successful in implementing this yojana in a proper manner ; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to implement these plans in a proper manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) NREGA is demand driven. Therefore, no targets can be fixed under the Act. State-wise status of the total works taken up, works completed and on going works for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto October, 07) is given in Statement (*See* below).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.